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Casing the Colors



Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya (center), commander of the Southern European Task Force and Combined Joint Task Force-76 along with Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa, SETAF command sergeant major, prepare to roll up the SETAF unit guidon, held by a 13th Military Police Company soldier, during a casing of the colors ceremony held at the Caserma Ederle Theater Wednesday. SETAF, along with various other units from Europe and the United States are deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The SETAF colors will be uncased in a ceremony to be held in Afghanistan next month. (Photo by Photo Studio, 7th ATC, Vicenza, Italy)

Coalition leader says tide turning in Afghanistan

By John Valceanu

American Forces Press Service

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — The tide is turning against anti-coalition fighters in Afghanistan, a senior British general serving there said.

Speaking about the progress of ongoing operations in the central Asian country, British Army Maj. Gen. Peter Gilchrist, deputy commanding general of Combined Forces Command Afghanistan, said Feb. 19 that there are many indicators the coalition's strategy is working and that anti-coalition forces are losing steam. Enemy fighters in Afghanistan include members of the al Qaeda terrorist network, the Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin — or HIG — terrorist group, remnants of the former Taliban regime and other forces.

When he arrived in Afghanistan three months ago, Gilchrist said, he was reading daily incident reports about attacks on coalition forces. Now, the reports tell a different story, mostly describing caches of weapons and ammunition turned in to coalition forces by Afghan citizens.

"The whole thing seems to me anyway to have shifted significantly, which demonstrates

to me that the people are on our side. The people are working very much with us, not that they weren't before, but it's gone another stage further," Gilchrist said. "It has subtly changed. Does that mean you've ruined the insurgency? It doesn't. But you've gone an awful long way toward it."

Humanitarian assistance work by the coalition is one reason why Afghans are increasingly supportive of the coalition and why anti-coalition fighters are losing support, Gilchrist said.

An example of this is the support provided to the Afghan government by the coalition in delivering hundreds of tons of food, medicine and supplies to villages cut off from the rest of the country by recent severe snowstorms. The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan has declared a state of emergency in the country following severe snowstorms that created drifts up to 20 feet tall in the mountains and heavy rains that turned roads into impassable mud bogs.

Helping the Afghan people shows them the coalition is trying to help them, Gilchrist said, adding that he was impressed by the way the Afghan government responded to the situation. Afghanistan's central government

coordinated efforts between the coalition, international humanitarian relief agencies, the United Nations and other organizations.

"The great thing, the really good bit of news, is that it's been coordinated by the Afghan government and it's been well-organized," Gilchrist said. "Once they realized they had an impending crisis, they've mitigated it. To me, that shows that we're gaining maturity in this government, slowly but certainly."

It is becoming obvious to many insurgents that they will not be successful in their attempts to overthrow the Afghan government, the general said. That is one reason why some anti-coalition fighters may be willing to put down their arms.

"The signs are out there that a resurgence won't probably work," Gilchrist said. "They can carry on the fighting for a fair bit of time, but their chances of winning anything strategic are getting to be pretty small, if not infinitely small."

Though hardcore extremists may not quit fighting unless they are captured or killed, Gilchrist said he thinks many rank-and-file anti-coalition fighters are prepared to stop fighting and adapt to a peaceful way of life.

To help them reintegrate into the new Afghan society, the coalition is working to help the Afghan government create and implement a re-integration program for former anti-coalition fighters.

"There are rumors that there are quite a lot of people who want to come back," Gilchrist said, adding that he believes people will turn themselves in to be reintegrated "once we demonstrate that the people who do come back can come in and not be arrested and interfered with, and go back home and start a normal life."

The reintegration program would allow former fighters to register with government authorities. They would then be placed under the supervision of a local elder or chieftain for a probationary period in their local district. The program does not exonerate those responsible for crimes, Gilchrist pointed out.

"It's not an amnesty. There are no preconditions for this. If they have done a war crime and subsequent investigations come along and find that these guys are guilty of war crimes, they will be tried for them," Gilchrist said. "What we will be doing is helping the Afghanistan government to facilitate their return."

Brigade Soldiers honored for sacrifices

By Staff Sgt. Jacob Caldwell
Photos by Spec. Jon Arguello
173d Abn Bde Public Affairs

“The Purple Heart is an award the most Soldiers hope never to receive, but one that recipients deeply cherish,” said Lt. Col. Mark Stammer, commander, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), during a ceremony to honor two 173d Airborne Brigade Soldiers Feb. 17 on Hoekstra Field. “You don’t earn the purple heart by doing some great heroic feat, building the best PowerPoint presentation or road marching a 100 miles. The Order of the Purple Heart is one of the most exclusive organizations in the United States. No amount of political connection, money or influence matters. The Purple Heart is awarded for spilling one’s blood for your comrades, your unit and your country.”

On Feb. 19, 2004, Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Abn Bde, left Kirkuk, northern Iraq, in a convoy headed for Camp Victory, Kuwait. The convoy of over 50 vehicles and 200 Soldiers was the last of the brigade in Iraq, and its purpose was to move the brigade’s vehicles to Kuwait for shipment back to Italy.

The trip, which normally can take four days, was going to be

shortened to three, with the Soldiers passing up their first stop and continuing through the day to stop at a Forward Operating Base near Baghdad, where they arrived around 3 p.m. in the afternoon. They had dinner in the mess hall and slept in their vehicles for the night, getting up at 4 a.m. the next morning to hit the road by 5:30.

Just like clockwork, the convoy was heading out of the FOB at 5:30 a.m. Feb. 20, preparing to enter onto a main four-lane highway, part of their route towards Kuwait.

“The ADVON [advanced party] was on the highway. It consisted of two vehicles, which were about 1000 meters ahead of the main body. Our vehicle was the lead vehicle in the main body with Sgt. [Andrew] Bayang driving, I was the track commander, and [1st] Lt. [Lawrence] Lee as a passenger,” said 1st Sgt. Patrick Fatuesi, who at the time of the movement was Sgt. 1st Class Fatuesi, brigade operations NCO.

Once the main body was on the highway, the convoy began to pick up speed for the trip. “We stayed in the middle of the road,” said Fatuesi, “I think that is what saved us.”

Within a moment of picking up speed, their vehicle was hit by an Improvised Explosive Devise.

“The IEDs we always hear so much of on the news,” said Stammer. “Both First Sergeant Fatuesi and Lieutenant Lee reacted like the true warriors they are. In spite of their wounds, they quickly exited their vehicle, issued orders to follow on personnel and secured the area – all before receiving any medical treatment.”

Within minutes the area was secured and a helicopter was providing added protection from the air.

Once it seemed everything was in place, “I noticed that my knee felt wet,” said Fatuesi.

Shock set in and he collapsed.

“The next thing I remember was I was laying there and the medics were working on my knee,” he said.

The shrapnel from the IED had peppered their vehicle; shredding the doors, smashing the windshield and causing damage to the tires.

A piece had shot straight through Lee’s right boot and foot and some had created cuts on his face. Another piece had lodged itself into Fatuesi’s knee, where it remains today. The Oakley sunglasses they both were wearing, broken from the attack, saved their eyes, according to Fatuesi.

Both Soldiers were transported back to the FOB where they had stayed the night and received medical attention. They were given the options of continuing with their unit or being medivaced to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. They chose to stay, spending the next two days of travel in the back of the medic’s vehicle and the next three weeks in bed at Camp Victory, Kuwait, before returning to Vicenza.

1st Lt. Lawrence Lee, executive officer, 74th Infantry Detachment (Long Range Surveillance), receives the Purple Heart from SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya during a ceremony Feb. 17 on Hoekstra Field.

During the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, SETAF commander, presented Lee with his Purple Heart. Lee is currently the executive officer with the 74th Infantry Detachment (Long Range Surveillance), 173d Abn Bde.

Maj. Gen. Kamiya stepped aside though, and SETAF Command Sergeant Major Iuniasolua Savusa, a fellow Samoan, presented Fatuesi with his award. Fatuesi is the first sergeant of Able Co, 2-503d Inf (Abn).

“The Purple Heart was a decoration that I, or anyone else, would never have wanted to receive,” said Lee. “It was just a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I am, however, honored to have received this award and still be able to deploy to Afghanistan and continue the fight against the war on terrorism.”

“I don’t feel that I deserve the award,” said Fatuesi humbly. “There are Soldiers who have lost their arms or their legs – they really deserve it.

I was in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

Both Soldiers will be deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Editor’s note: Gen. George Washington established the Purple Heart, the Army’s oldest award, in 1782. It is presented in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an armed forces who has been wounded or killed in action against enemy or hostile forces.

Community Action Council

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, e-mail your issue to CAC@setaf.army.mil or call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Contact CYS Central Registration at 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is March 23 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: *Since our family moved here last summer, we have had numerous problems with having our telephone line to our quarters in Villaggio installed, as well as the need for a service call when our telephone line unexpectedly went dead for a week.*

Luckily, we know a kind Italian civilian employee on post who has made the calls to TelecomItalia for us, on her own time, as we do not speak enough Italian to be able to communicate with the Telecom operators and none of them speak English.

I am aware there is a translator in the Housing office and we have used her services in the past with TelecomItalia. However, the Housing office is not forthcoming with this

information, and we have been told by the Housing office that the translators could not be used to help us for this purpose.

I also understand that the Tax Relief Office does not get involved any further than providing the documents to apply for telephone service.

Has any thought been given to creating a liaison office or even just one person who is bilingual on Caserma Ederle dedicated to helping all of us communicate with Telecom?

Response from Directorate Morale, Welfare, and Recreation: For several years, the MWR Tax Relief Office provided assistance to telephone customers.

However, the telephone program operated by the Tax Relief Office no longer provides savings to customers or a customer-friendly telephone package.

Therefore, the service provider *Telecom Top Business South* has been provided a cancellation notice and the program has been discontinued.

Customers still enrolled with the program will continue to receive services through April 2005. Customers requiring telephone service after May 1 will receive assistance in transitioning to services from *Telecom Italia*. This will be done at no cost to the customer and must be completed before April 30, 2005. Therefore, the telephone program will no longer be handled by TRO and is closing as it stands.

As you suggested, a position is been established at the Housing Office to assist community members with telephone services. The position will be advertised for employment shortly. Once on board, the staff

member will assist with all services listed above.

In the interim, the MWR TRO will continue to provide assistance to community members who require assistance with the activation or deactivation of private phone lines through *TelecomItalia*.

Army Community Service also manages the Translator Interpreter Program Services (TIPS). Italian-speaking volunteer interpreters are available through TIPS for two hours each day to assist with issues like utility bill translation. Customers may call 634-7500 for hours when volunteers are available. Customers may also make an appointment for a volunteer to assist them with interpreting.

Issue: *The commissary displays a poster that stresses the importance of using safety belts in shopping carts. The irony is that at both the commissary and the post exchange, it can be difficult to find a shopping cart that has functional safety belts for children.*

Could the PX and commissary consider ordering the appropriate parts and making the repairs so that a parent can pull out a cart and plopp their child down in it without having to cull through multiple carts in order to find one with a functioning belt?

Response from AAFES: We maintain an inventory of safety belts and continuously review the condition of our carts.

Our process at the moment is a weekly review, but we will dedicate more resources to this to update more often.

The most common reason for no safety belts on the carts is that they are cut off or removed by some other means.

We currently have on our inventory over 150 carts but are never able to maintain more than 60 at the store as they are often missing. We conduct weekly reviews of the Caserma to collect stray carts. We would certainly appreciate the community’s support in returning the carts to the store and assistance with leaving the safety belts intact as it is potentially our children who will suffer.

Response from the Safety Office: The Safety Office has coordinated this issue with both the commissary and PX. Our position is that if belts are provided, they must be maintained to standard.

Parents may want to consider bringing their own harness or safety belt with them when shopping. However, even if belts are used, parents should never be more than an arm’s length away from their child. Falls from car seat-type baskets are the most common shopping cart-related injury.

Bottom line—the safety of a child in a shopping cart is the direct responsibility of the parent.

DECA: It is a commissary requirement to provide safety belts on all shopping carts and to replace those safety belts that are broken.

Unfortunately, these safety belts are very precious commodity, we often experience safety belts being cut and stolen from the carts.

We have replaced and installed safety belts on all the carts in the commissary. Additionally, more safety belts have been ordered.

How are we doing?

Community Force Protection, Safety

Office of the Provost Marshal
22nd Area Support Group

Parking violators

As we are all aware, parking on Caserma Ederle is an ongoing battle. When a ticket, DD Form 1408, is issued for a parking violation, one copy is forwarded through command channels to the servicemember's commander, to the commander of the military family member's sponsor, or to the civilian's supervisor or employer.

Each violation carries with it a point assessment value.

Accumulating 12 points within 12 months or 18 points or more within 24 months carries a mandatory one-

year suspension of driving privileges.

Parking in unauthorized locations on Caserma Ederle compromises the safety of our installation and requires every driver's assistance in complying with the established traffic standards.

DA Form 1408s issued for February:

Reckless driving (1)
Speeding (11)
Improper passing (1)
Improper display of insurance(2)
No drivers license in possession (2)
Expired insurance (2)
No registration in possession(1)

Seatbelt violations (10)
Parking (172)
Impeding the flow of traffic (87)
Parked against flow traffic (4)
Failed to yield for pedestrian (1)
Failure to stop at posted stop sign (16)

February Statistics

Traffic Accidents = 30
(injuries involved= 1)
Drunk Driving = 5
(involving accidents= 2)
Drunk & Disorderly Conduct = 0
Assaults = 4
Domestic Disturbances = 1
Lost ID Cards = 39
(Repeat Offenders= 4)

Vicenza, Livorno celebrate Black History Month with luncheons, special speaker



Clad in a black hat and a single-breasted blue wool jacket with an exact replica of the 1862 Medal of Honor on his chest, and yellow sergeant chevrons to indicate cavalry on each sleeve, Lee N. Coffee, Jr. steps into his alter-ego, Buffalo Soldier Emanuel Stance. It's a role this retired Soldier has assumed for the past decade - traveling the world, educating audiences about the first Black professional Soldiers in a peacetime Army. The term professional is attributed to the fact that men of African heritage had served in the Army from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War in various units as State militia, but it was post Civil War that they attained the status as federal Soldiers.

Coffee was the guest speaker for the Black History Month celebrations in Livorno on Feb. 22 and in Vicenza on Feb. 24. When Coffee walks into a gathering in full military regalia, and introduces himself as a Buffalo Soldier, he is Sgt. Emanuel Stance. He wants people to understand this was a real person.

Stance was cited for gallantry in action as an Indian scout at Kickapoo Springs, Texas, on May 20, 1870. He was presented the Medal of Honor on June 28, 1870, and was the first African American Medal of Honor recipient, post-Civil War. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, Camp Darby Public Affairs).

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Mary Generelli's 3rd grade class performs "Kye Kye Kule," a song and game from Ghana. The song was part of the mini-concert presented at the South of the Alps Dining Facility to celebrate Black History Month Feb. 24. Generelli recently visited Africa and shared her experiences with her class, who has studied the continent. The class performed three numbers for the luncheon. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Family Member Network provides workshops, childcare for spouses of deployed Soldiers

Provided by Linda Collier
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22nd Area Support Group

The Family Member Network is a new program beginning in March for family members of deployed servicemembers. It provides camaraderie, education, and support services for spouses of deployed servicemembers. FMN will meet together from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Caserma Ederle Chapel to share and learn.

Topics to be explored include keeping yourself healthy and mentally fit, financial and time management, parenting as a single parent and strengthening your marriage during separation.

During the FMN events, free childcare is provided at the chapel by the Childwatch program and starts at 9 a.m. All children must be signed in by 9:30 a.m. in order to participate that day. Parents should provide a sack lunch for their children. From 9-9:30 a.m., parents are invited to share in coffee and pastries.

Following FMN meetings, moms will have personal time off from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. while their children are in the Childwatch program. On special occasions, they will have the option of participating in a special activity such as Italian cooking.

Dads whose spouses are deployed are also invited to attend the FMN meetings as well as utilize the extended free childcare.

FMN will run for eight meetings. Due to childcare staffing and program funding considerations, participants must register and commit to attending a minimum of six sessions. Registration is required by March 11. To register, stop by Army Community Service in Davis Hall or phone 634-7567/7500.

Here are the topics for the upcoming meetings:

March 16 – How to get what you need from the command and support organizations. Here we will talk about how to work with your Rear Detachment and Family Readiness Group as well as provide you with a list of local resources with tips on how to best use the services they provide. We will also talk about who to call in cases of emergency and where to go for help.

March 23 – How to get your children successfully through the deployment. Here we will look at the typical reactions children have to deployment and knowing the signs that a child may be struggling with a parent being away. We will talk about how to support a child through these periods and develop strategies for keeping your child connected with the deployed parent. We will also look at what books are available on helping children through deployment and provide a list of local activities and places where you can take your child for fun and growth.

March 30 – How to make your finances flourish. Here we will learn how to read an LES, pay Italian bills, budget and save for retirement and or college. We will learn about finances and cost cutting through fun games such as financial bingo and scavenger hunt. Plus, we will share information on the best places to shop in Italy.

April 6 – How to stay happy and limit your stress. We will look at the indicators of stress and depression and discuss ways to creatively manage your stress. We will also talk about the dangers of drug and alcohol use during periods of stress in your life.

April 20 – How to stay healthy and fit. We will look at the importance of eating well, maintaining your weight and understanding women's health concerns. We will provide great recipes and other methods for taking care of yourself.

April 27 – Maintaining romance in your marriage while separated from your partner. We will talk about ways of communicating with your spouse during deployment that will enhance your bond as well as reduce the stress and loneliness of being separated from each other. We will also talk about knowing what not to say to the deployed parent and shielding yourself from possible problems such as infidelity.

May 4 – How to be a successful "single" parent to your children. We will talk about strengthening your relationship with your children through good communication and effective techniques that encourage good behavior from your children. We will also discuss positive alternatives to spanking that work as well – or even better.

May 11 – Indulge yourself with beauty, massage, and fashion. For our last group we'll talk about beauty tips and the joys of getting a facial. We'll also talk about choosing clothes and knowing what fashions really show you off.

Special activities for moms:

March 16 – Italian cooking
April 27 – Aerobics class and personal training orientation
May 11 – Special luncheon

This program is sponsored by the Post Chapel, Vicenza Health Clinic and ACS Parent Support Program.

For more information contact Richard Adams at 634-7177, Joanne Hersh at 634-7604, or Linda Collier at 634-7567.

She steps up, She commits, She leads

Recognizing modern-day Rosie women of our community

By **Cindy Pierson**
Equal Employment Officer
22nd Area Support Group

In 1942, Rosie rolled up her sleeves and demolished the little-woman stereotype of her time. She took over the jobs the men left behind as they headed off to war, and she never really gave them back.

Rosie’s contributions went far beyond helping to win a war. They redirected our society.

Rosie’s unyielding spirit lives on as we salute 10 modern-day Rosies from the Vicenza military community throughout the month of March in celebration of Women’s History Month.

Even though the *Outlook* will only highlight 10 nominees, the Equal Employment Office received an overwhelming response from the community wanting to recognize today’s Rosie women. EEO wants to thank everyone for taking the time to nominate wives, co-workers, supervisors and friends. All of these nominees should feel proud that people believe they have the guts, moxie and confidence in making this a better world.

Name: Margaret Bryant-Rashid
Background: Born in Louisiana and 18 years as an Army spouse
Current profession: Family member and full time volunteer with the Professional Volunteer Corps of Vicenza. A member of the high school Parent Teacher Student Association, chair of the Student Advisory Council for the elementary school and coordinator for the school’s Celebrity

Story and photo
By **Laura Kreider**
Outlook Staff

Last September, the sounds of Broadway filled the air at the Soldiers’ Theatre with the opening song “Welcome to the Theatre” from the Broadway play “Applause.”

Enthusiasts of this and other musicals are in for a treat with the upcoming show, a musical theatre celebration of the works of Broadway and film composer Charles Strouse, who wrote music to the film “Bonnie and Clyde” as well as the theme song to the popular television show “All In the family.”

“By Strouse” features songs from “Applause,” “Annie” and “Bye Bye Birdie,” as well as a series of improvisations, movement stories, and creative characters.

More than 40 songs including “One Last Kiss,” “Tomorrow,” and “Those Were The Days” are featured in the show directed by Bonnie Daniels, who has worked with Soldiers’ Theatre in the past.

“I’ve always enjoyed having the opportunity to perform,” said Aaron Talley, AFN audiovisual production specialist, and one of the characters in the show. “It’s what makes all the hard work worth while.

“I really enjoy having the chance to work with Bonnie [Daniels] again because she is a great director with a lot of interesting ideas.”

Talley is one of the many theatre volunteers whose dedication has put some 14, 000 hours

Reader Week program. Active with Girl Scouts and the Caserma Ederle Chapel as a teacher. Served as the Protestant Women of the Chapel outreach coordinator, coordinating events such as the angel tree program, summer bible camp and the chapel service spotlights to get people in the community engaged in the different services that the chapel offers. In addition, is a certified project manager with the national organization, Project Management Institute.

Family: Married to Lt. Col. Clinton Rashid and has two children, daughter Kiak, age 12, and son Kameron, age 9.

What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?

Definitely having good time management skills. Being able to dedicate blocks of time for different tasks. Such as, at our home, 3-8 p.m. is dedicated to family time.

How has the Army changed your life?

I have become unselfish, and I’ve had to reinvent myself with each move and consider each move a new adventure and an opportunity for growth.

Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?

My father. He was killed by a drunk driver when I was 14. He was a very giving person who would always share some of life’s lessons with me. He always talked about the importance of doing three things in life. First - continue to educate yourself. Second - make family a priority. Third - always help those who are in need.

Remember him telling me, “There is always more in life to learn and never think to yourself that you know everything.”

Continuing the tools of academics, give support to my family, and give first to others; those are the principles I live by and it works.

What have you yet to accomplish?

I would like to publish some of my written work. I’ve written a couple of children’s books. I’m working on a one-woman motivational book and a teen book, and I also enjoy writing poems. Most people don’t know about my writing. I want to start researching, take writing courses and attend writing conferences. I am going to hone the craft. My husband actually

encourages me to write for Hallmark.

What are you proudest about?

My children and just being a mom. I’ve always worked real hard to be successful in corporate America but I’m prouder about working at being a homemaker. Cooking, cleaning, and just being there for my family – I’ve had more fun doing that.

If you could be the president for one day, what would you do? Why?

Balance the budget. Just to allow my children and their children’s children an opportunity to live in a fiscal and responsible environment so they don’t have to stress in living in a nation that has a struggling economy.

Name: Karen Lynn Huffman
Background: Born in Ohio and 21 years as an Army spouse.
Current profession: Homemaker and full time volunteer as President of the Vicenza Military and Civilians’ Spouses Club for two consecutive years. Active leader with the Combined Italian and American Organization (CIAO) conference.
Family composition: Married to Master Sgt. Wade Huffman. Has two children, daughter Sarah, age 17, and son Eric, age 12.

What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?

If I had that secret, I would be rich. It’s just prioritizing what I think is most important to me, making sure those things get taken care of first and the little things will fall into place. Being organized and having lots of practice helps quite a bit. I have

held a few paying jobs but I prefer to volunteer. My family enjoys it, and they are proud of the fact that I do what I do and my heart and soul is given to it. I’m not getting paid – I’m doing it to better the community.

How has the Army changed your life?

Definitely made me more flexible and self-reliant. When you think you have everything set in stone, Uncle Sam comes and throws you a curve and you have to roll with the punches.

Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?

My father. He was a wonderful man; never had anything bad to say about anybody. Family always came first with him. He never offered unsolicited advice but if you asked he was there with many words of wisdom.

What have you yet to accomplish?

Getting a degree in anything, possibly in conference planning. Who knows, I am motivated to do anything.

What are you proudest about?

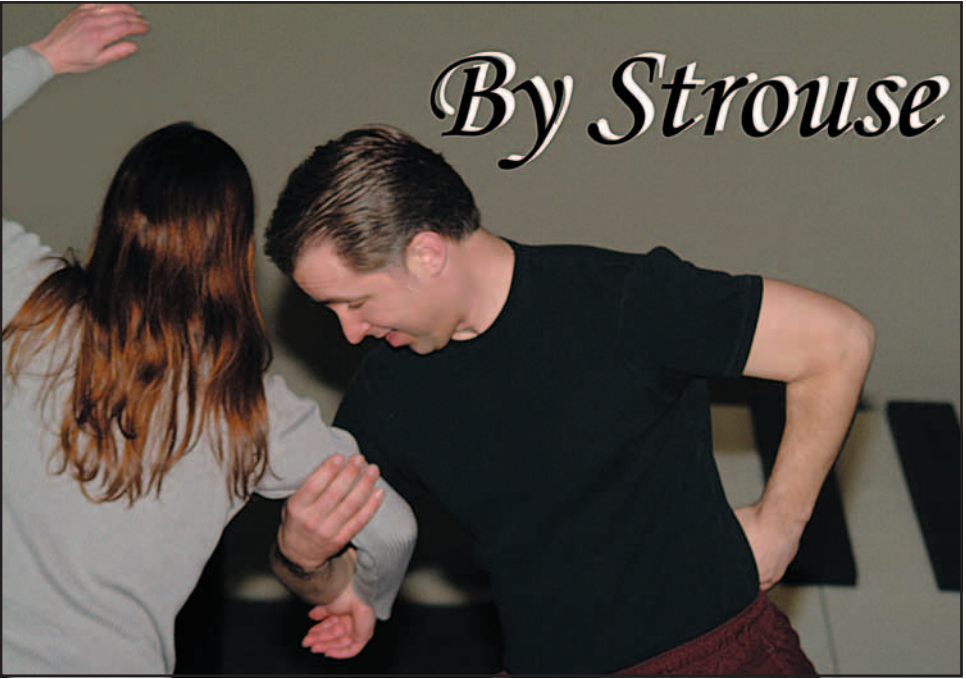
I would have to say that I never ask or expect anything of any volunteers that I would not do myself.

What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?

I use to work in an escort service in England. It was a security escort service. I managed a security escort contract to provide cleared personnel to escort unclear personnel in a secure area. It had nothing to do with dating but my husband gets a kick out of it and tells everybody I was an escort with tax free money and worked when I wanted.

How do you provide encouragement to others?

I encourage other family members to get involved in the community in any way what so ever, whether it’s their child’s school or the Soldiers’ Theatre. Just to get out there and do something. I know a lot of people, especially overseas, tend to do what they need to do on post and then they leave. And that’s great if they are doing something in their community. I know there are people sitting at home bored and moaning there is nothing to do. Just get out there and get busy, meet people and get involved with all kinds of wonderful opportunities here.



a year into the community theater’s productions. The theater offers the volunteers a place to discover new talents and also to improve their skills.

“The show is very challenging, as we have to play a bunch of different characters,” Talley said. “But that also makes it fun, too. And the cast is very talented. It’s nice to see some new faces come out, and some of the children with more experience have grown a lot, too. So the cast is really strong from top to bottom.”

One of the new faces is 13-year-old

Elizabeth (Bizzy) Buffington.

“It’s a great experience,” Buffington said after one of the rehearsals. “It’s teaching me a lot about music and drama, and I am very proud to be in the show.”

Featured performers in “By Strouse” also include newcomers Deborah Beauchamp and Dana Bowyer.

“As a newcomer here I love the professionalism, excitement and the friendliness of all of the people,” said Beauchamp. “I feel at home at Soldiers’

Theatre and love the opportunity to share the talent that God has given me.”

In addition to Talley, veteran performers Linda Dahlstrom, Allen Ebert, Soldiers’ Theatre entertainment director, Andrew Fantacone, Sheri Mahadeo and Jamie Kamiya will be performing. Some of these actors previously performed in “Selkie,” and won in the One Act Play Festival in Heidelberg, Germany, this past year.

“My role in ‘Selkie’ was very emotional,” said Kamiya. “But this show allows me to bring out my inner child each night. The audience will be on their toes from the minute we begin to play!”

The cast is also supported by Musical Director Valentino Piran, pianist for the show, who is also joined by Brad Van Cleve on bass guitar, Lorie Van Cleve on trumpet and Graziano Colella on drums.

Assistants to Director Bonnie Daniels are Karen Ebert and Stephanie Graham.

“By Strouse” is Vicenza’s entry into the USAREUR Tournament of Plays.

Shows are scheduled for Thursday-Saturday and March 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. A special matinee performance will take place on Sunday.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for youth, with special group rates for parties of ten or more. Call the Soldiers’ Theatre Reservation Hotline at 634-7755 or stop by weekday afternoons to purchase or reserve tickets.

Team effort makes large shipment a success

Camp Darby Public Affairs
News Release

Even though shipping equipment is a routine function of Camp Darby, when the 497th Movement Control Team received over 750 pieces of equipment to ship to Afghanistan for the Combined Joint Task Force-76 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, they knew it was going to take cooperation from all agencies, American and Italian, to make the operation go smoothly.

"This deployment represents the largest movement of U.S. troops and equipment from Italy in 15 years," said Maj. Todd Johnson, transportation officer, SETAF G4

Logistics. "The strong host nation workforce has proven to be a valued asset, bringing a great deal of experience and ensuring superb support from other Italian authorities."

Elements of the Directorate of Logistics, 22nd Area Support Group and Area Support Team-Livorno, 839th Transportation Battalion, 497th Movement Control Team-Livorno, Dogana (Italian customs), Carabinieri and local contractors worked collectively and continuously to execute the mission.

Once the containers arrived from Vicenza, it was up to the 839th Trans Bn to find a staging area at the Port of Livorno large enough to accommodate the 400 plus containers. This was not an easy task since each 40 foot container was stacked sometimes three high.

And, if preparing for and shipping approximately 400 containers of equipment was not enough, both 22nd ASG and 22nd AST-L DOL received an additional task to up-armor some of the equipment and vehicles before they left the port. This created quite a logistical challenge since the equipment, 13 specific containers and five vehicles, had to be located within the 400 containers waiting to be loaded.

"This was the harder phase – identifying among stacks of containers the 13 that needed to be transported back to the Leghorn Army Depot, armored and returned to the port again," said Roberto Provenzano, traffic manager, 497th MCT-Livorno. "In order to accomplish this, a number of containers had to be removed to extract the individual one identified as needing the armor from the many in stock.

"The peculiarity of this shipment required the cooperation of each and every unit involved," Provenzano said.

In order to perform this kind of vehicle movement, there are many steps each agency must go through, and each step requires the maximum cooperation of each unit involved.



From left: People from different units and agencies discuss the loading of containers of equipment onto a ship in support of Combined Joint Task Force-76, heading for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, Livorno Photo Lab)



One of the containers loaded with equipment is placed on board the ship. The equipment is for Combined Joint Task Force-76, heading for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, Livorno Photo Lab)

"To bring a vehicle from the Port of Livorno to the Leghorn Army Depot and back, each vehicle has to go through customs clearance," said Idimo Iori, transportation officer, Directorate of Logistics. "For example, after the armor kit has been placed on the vehicle, each vehicle has to be weighed and proper customs documents prepared and presented to the transportation officer before the vehicle can be brought back to the port."

This series of steps would have been impossible without the cooperation between the customs specialists, DOL, the 497th MCT-L, the Carabinieri, the Livorno Port Authority and the 839th, said Iori.

"Together, with James Risek, a DOL logistics management specialist, and with the support of all the transportation motor pool

personnel here, who worked long hours to achieve the objective; we are glad to say that the shipment went smooth and within the expected timeframe," Iori said.

Once more, the units and agencies, both American and Italian, who work together to make large shipments of this nature happen, have distinguished themselves with excellent team work, said Provenzano.

"We have received excellent support from all host nation agencies involved to include the Carabinieri, Dogana (Italian Customs), and the Livorno Port Authority," said Johnson. "Camp Darby is an excellent facility for this type of operation. The professionalism of the workforce, the atmosphere of cooperation between the installation and Italian agencies, and its close proximity to the Livorno port make it an ideal deployment platform."

BCTC creates realistic training for Red Devil leaders preparing for deployment

Battle Command Training Center, SETAF
News Release

Recently commanders from 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) took time to plan and execute mission rehearsals for company level leaders at SETAF's Battle Command Training Center in anticipation of their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

Encouraged by Lt. Col. Timothy McGuire, 1-508th Inf (Abn) commander, company commanders from both Alpha Company and Bravo Company, along with their subordinate leaders, participated in

the training.

"I wanted to get my platoon leaders, radio operators, and forward observers in the proper mindset prior to our deployment," said Capt. Josh SeGraves, commander, Bravo Company, 1-508th Inf (Abn). "It helps to teach them how to think, not what to think."

With the limited time SeGraves had to conduct complex training with his leaders due to their upcoming deployment, the BCTC was just the place to provide a customized solution to his training requirement.

Given the low overhead requirements and minimal

preparation time, the SETAF BCTC is an excellent option to exercise the company leadership in critical command and control tactics, techniques, and procedures, according to Gene Catena, BCTC director.

The contract staff of the BCTC, all former NCOs and officers and adept at training small unit leaders, assisted the commanders in the planning and execution of the training.

The motto of the SETAF BCTC, Train-Plan-Rehearse, could not have been more apropos during these rapid mission planning and rehearsal sessions in which the leaders and Soldiers were infused with situational experience. Digital terrain and imagery of the area of operations for the upcoming mission were supplemented with role players acting out a *shura* so that 1-508th junior leaders could meet with an Afghan district mayor, responsible for local police forces and requiring the use of translators.

These mission rehearsals are invaluable in forming adaptive junior leaders and exposing them to the challenges they will face once they arrive in the Combined Joint Operations Area, said Catena. For each situational experience, the goal is to immerse the Soldier in that operational environment so that when he deploys, his level of familiarity and confidence is significantly heightened.

Wanting to take full advantage of



Bravo Co, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne), Soldiers plan their next move with a BCTC instructor/trainer, during a mission rehearsal at the SETAF Battle Command Training Center on Caserma Ederle Feb. 17, in preparation for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

the remaining time on Caserma Ederle to continue to teach and mentor his subordinate leaders, Capt. Joe Geraci, commander, Alpha Co, 1-508th Inf (Abn), said the training at the BCTC gave him one more opportunity to share his vision and provide guidance to his platoon leadership, fire support personnel, and communications experts.

The BCTC is a multi-complex mission support capability in which, among other tasks, training experts construct an environment that allows units to train on tasks that have been identified by the units. This helps take the planning burden off the units, so that they can spend their time actually

training, said Catena.

Does your unit need to work on communications and reporting skills? Rehearse actions on enemy contact? Plan for convoy security? Practice your MEDEVAC or call for fire procedures?

The BCTC's door is open and the staff is ready to help.

To begin coordination for mission rehearsals and other training, contact Catena at 634-6776/8088 or via email at gene.catena@setaf.army.mil.

Units can also stop by Building 371, across from the Bowling Center at Caserma Ederle, or contact the contract staff at 634-7245 or brian.mulligan@setaf.army.mil.



Battle Command Training Center staff members role play a meeting between an Afghan government leader, his translator, and the platoon leaders from Bravo Co, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne).

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Exhibitions

Venice: Sea-goers are in for a treat at Venice. An exhibition and market, the Venice International Floating Show, said to be the most prestigious boat show of the world, will offer to seafarers, operators and shipyards equipment and used and new sailing boats.

There are 136,000 square meters of water that will not only accommodate the hundreds of crafts in the fair, but will act as a stage for many sports events such as sailing regattas, demonstrations of junior dinghies and models. Also, sailing accessories and sportswear fashions will be at the market.

Find the exhibition by following the signs just after crossing the long bridge which links Mestre to Venice by car.

Opens Saturday until March 13. Weekends from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and weekdays until 6 p.m. Entrance fee is 11 euro. Full information and directions are available at www.salonenausicodivenezia.com

Verona: The exhibition Agrifood will present some 600 agricultural companies who have invested in the rebirth of agriculture.

Three hundred carefully selected products and 100 dishes based on local products will be created by masters of Italian cuisine and can be tasted.

At the fair, which starts on Thursday, there will be exhibitors from all over Italy and visitors will be presented with detailed information regarding the characteristics, origin and various stages of the production process,

especially of fruit and vegetables.

Visitors who love a refined but genuine cuisine will be presented with an ideal context for sampling exclusive dishes and menus, all created with products presented at the fair.

Opening hours: Thursday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 7 p.m. Entrance fee is 8 euro. Exit Verona sud, south, and follow the signs for the Fiera.

Parma: Anyone with the slightest interest in collecting and browsing amongst antiques should visit *Mercanteinfiera Primavera*, held at the Fiera di Parma.

One of the biggest and most important fairs for collectors and antique-buyers in Italy, it offers more than a 1,000 stands with furniture, paintings, silver, jewelry and china, with something to please all tastes and budgets.

Mercanteinfiera runs from Saturday-March 13 and will be open everyday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Entrance fee is 9,50 euro.

For further information and directions consult the site www.fiere.parma.it

International motor show

The 75th International Motor Show and Accessories, held in Geneva, attracts over 5,000 journalists and over 700,000 visitors of whom 44 percent come from over 100 different countries. Find the very latest in cars and accessories. The grand opening is on Thursday. Doors will be open on weekdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and on

weekends 9 a.m.-7 p.m. through March 13. Entrance fees are 12 Swiss francs for adults and children 6-16 years of age cost 7 Swiss francs. For tickets online or further information visit www.salon-auto.ch

Women’s Day

March 8 is Women’s Day in Italy. Feminist associations usually celebrate this day, organizing meetings and demonstrations to defend women’s rights and female emancipation. The symbol of this day is the mimosa and many husbands and boyfriends give this flower to their loved ones. The origin of this occasion goes back to 1929, when many women died during a fire that broke out in a textile factory in the city of New York. The workers couldn’t escape because they were locked into the building from the outside. Mimosa trees were on the grounds of the building.

On this day, groups of women enjoy themselves first having dinner in restaurants or pizzerias and then going to discos or clubs, where special shows have been organized. The dinner usually ends with the so-called Mimosa cake.

Rome Marathon

Run around the monuments. This year, the Rome Marathon takes place on March 13 with a start time of 9:30 a.m. Offering one of the most beautiful routes in the world, this is a major sporting event and a day of celebration and spectacle for the city as a whole.

Visit www.maratonadiroma.it for full details of the occasion, including registration, big-name competitors, and regulations.

Most interest to non-runners is the beautifully illustrated account of the architectural wonders passed along the route.

The starting point for the marathon is between Via Conciliazione and the Coliseum, and the marathon winds its way around the center of the city to finish up back at the Coliseum, this time along Via dei Fori Imperiali.

Observatory Museum

How was the universe studied in days gone by? If you are interested in this subject, an interesting museum to visit is the observatory museum in Padova, that began construction in 1767.

Called the *Specola Museum*, the tower, which is visited by foot, reaches over 40 meters in height.

See the Meridian Room, the first room which is at 16 meters above ground level. You can find on the east side of the room a large fresco of the Solar System as it was known before 1780, represented with geometric precision. On the west side of the room is the great mural quadrant of Ramsden of 1778, the greatest existing in Italy, with a diameter of 240 centimeters. At the extreme north side you can find a transit instrument used to evaluate the exact instant of time in which a star transits at the meridian. On the floor of the room is the meridian line, used to measure the exact moment of noon (that is the exact

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

March 2	Closer (R)	7 p.m.
March 3	Flight of the Phoenix (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 4	Racing Stripes (PG)	7 p.m.
	Lemony Snickets (PG)	10 p.m.
March 5	Racing Stripes (PG)	2 p.m.
	Lemony Snickets (PG)	7 p.m.
	Spanglish (PG13)	10 p.m.
March 6	Lemony Snickets (PG)	2 p.m.
	Racing Stripes (PG)	7 p.m.
March 9	Lemony Snickets (PG)	7 p.m.
March 10	Spanglish (PG13)	7 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

March 4	Phantom of the Opera (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 5	The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R)	7 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

LEMONY SNICKETS - *Jim Carrey, Timothy Spall* - Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are three intelligent young children who receive terrible news that their parents have died in a fire and have left them an enormous fortune not to be used until the eldest child is of age. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film, and the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf who is plotting to kill them and snatch their inheritance from them.

THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU - *Bill Murray, Owen Wilson* - Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew —Team Zissou — set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou’s partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. They face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping, and bankruptcy.

RACING STRIPES - *Voice of Frankie Muniz, Hayden Panettiere* - In the middle of a raging thunderstorm, a traveling circus accidentally leaves behind some very precious cargo, a baby zebra. The gangly little foal is rescued by horse farmer Nolan Walsh, a champion thoroughbred trainer, and brought to his Kentucky farm. The Walsh farm borders the Turfway Racetrack, where highly skilled thoroughbreds compete for horse racing’s top honor, the Kentucky Crown. From the first moment Stripes lays eyes on the track, he’s hooked. He knows that if he could just get the chance, he could leave all those other horses in the dust. What he doesn’t know is that he’s not exactly a horse. But with the help of the misfit troupe of barnyard friends and a teenage girl, he sets out to achieve his dream of racing with thoroughbreds.

SPANGLISH - *Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni* - When the beautiful native Mexican woman Flor, the mother of a 12-year-old girl, becomes the housekeeper for an affluent Los Angeles family, cultures collide. Of all the horrifying pitfalls she worried about in this new culture, Flor had never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American family.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Jazz

Chris Potter will play at the Giotto Theater, in the town of Vicchio, located 95 miles from Livorno, on March 11 at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost 13 euro.

Call the Florence Tourist Office at 055-23320 for more information.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Art Auction

On March 12 at 4 p.m. there will be an Art Auction of 150 paintings by local artists to benefit awareness of ADHD here in the Veneto Region. The Auction will be held at the Padua Art Gallery, Via delle Piazze, 28, Padova.

For more information on either of these events, call 049-652-057 or 329-231-2572.



SETAF Lions play in local Italian league

SETAF Lions soccer player # 10, left, defends at midfield against Francesco Tagliapietra of the local Bertoliani 991 team during a soccer game held at Costozza di Longare Feb. 19. SETAF Lions won the game 4-1 and are currently in third place of the local Italian soccer league. The Lions are scheduled to play every Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the field in Costozza di Longare. On Saturday the team will play the local Beppe’s Snack team. On March 12 they face off against Amatori Setteca’ and March 19 they face Longobarda. For those interested in practicing and playing, the team meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. at the North 40. For more information call the coach Angelo Baso at 634-7304. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

One Stop Shop for deployment needs

Pre-deployment process readies Soldiers for Afghanistan

Story and photos
By Diana Bahr
22nd ASG Public Affairs

“You need to do your job better than you’ve ever done it before,” said Lt. Col. William Hogan, deputy commander, 22nd Area Support Group, to the group of 15 or so individuals clustered around him in the Fitness Center gym Jan. 20. “The commander’s intent is for this pre-deployment process to be a one-stop shop for the deploying Soldier. To the best of our abilities, we will make it so that every Soldier who walks the line of this pre-deployment process area will leave

this building ready to deploy. “I will be going through every station just as if I were deploying,” continued Hogan. “When I get to your desk, you will have to tell me, in detail, exactly what you need from me and exactly what you will do for me, as a deploying Soldier.” With the intent clearly stated, the Soldiers and civilians responsible for the various sections of the PDP went back and manned their stations. While the event was more of a dry run to work out any kinks in the system, there were still six Soldiers, belonging to an advance team, who would actually be going through the PDP.



A Soldier looks over the Home Town News Release paperwork submitted by Pfc. Brad Long. Long, a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne), is deploying with his unit to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The purpose of the Home Town News Release program is to inform the people in the town where Long’s parents live of his service to his country. The Home Town News Release program also highlights the efforts and accomplishments of Soldiers in such events as promotions, awards and honors, special achievements, and more. (Photo by Diana Bahr, 22nd ASG Public Affairs)



This was the scene in the Fitness Center gym Feb. 10 as Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade, began their pre-deployment process. The intent is to have a one-stop shop for the deploying Soldiers, thus making it faster and easier for the Soldiers to ensure their paperwork is taken care of and any issues are resolved quickly before they deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Spc. Jon Arguello, 173d Abn Bde Public Affairs)

Within a few minutes, Hogan began his inspection. Beginning at the sign-in desk, he made his way down the line to Finance, Legal, Transportation, and so on. At every station he drilled the person manning the desk on their part of the mission. “I just want to remind everyone that this is a long process,” said Hogan. “There’s going to be a tendency for frustration when we begin this process in full. But we need to remember that these Soldiers are leaving their homes and families for a year. They need all of our support to get them out the door safely.” Less than one week later, the staff at the PDP geared up for its first real test—the PDP of Soldiers from the SETAF Headquarters Support Company who are leaving for Afghanistan soon. Pre-deployment processing is one of the most important things we can accomplish to ensure we leave, without leaving items hanging in the air, said Sgt. 1st Class Steven Day, a paralegal with

the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. A native of Pinconning, Mich., Day was impressed with the efforts of the PDP staff. “This is a very coordinated effort,” he said as he filled out forms at a station. “Every station has had a professional and helpful staff.” A member of the 173d Airborne Brigade who deployed in 2003, Sgt. Jeffrey Bradford, 173d Combat Support Company, gave the PDP high marks. “It’s obvious that lessons learned from the brigade’s deployment last year are being applied,” he said. “It’s much more squared-away than before. We’re not rushed, and we’re being given time to get our paperwork in order.” Those working to process the Soldiers echoed the orderliness of the operation. “Everything has been going smoothly,” said Sgt. Michael Towner, Detachment B, 208th Finance Battalion. “The Soldiers are coming here with their packets pre-filled out, and most Soldiers took their own initiative to take

care of problems by coming to the Finance Office before coming here.” Pleased with the apparent success of the operation is Alex Palomo, 22nd ASG S1 and PDP officer in charge. “Colonel Drummer thought that we should make the pre-deployment process a one-stop shop for the Soldiers,” he said as he watched the lines of Soldiers make their way through the gym. “We got together with the different agencies involved and the decision was made to set up the PDP in the gym. This way, the Soldiers have one location for everything, except medical, and if a problem arises, we can address it immediately. “At this point, we are meeting the commander’s intent and we hope that the After Action Report will show that we not only met our goal, but exceeded our expectations,” he said. The Fitness Center gym will be closed for PDP on the following dates: March 7-11 and March 14-16.

March is Red Cross Month

By Becky Lienemann
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What does the International Red Cross have in common with Italy? You probably didn’t know, but the very idea for the Red Cross was born right here in Northern Italy. About 60 miles west of Vicenza, in the town of Solforino, a Swiss businessman named Henry Dunant witnessed a horrific battle between two armies. After seeing the many dead and wounded soldiers on the battlefield, Dunant felt compelled to assist. He joined in the relief by sending his coach for supplies and writing his friends back in Switzerland for aid. Though he continued with his travels, the experience was never forgotten by Dunant. What he had seen would not allow his conscience to rest. He later wrote a book about the awful inhumanities he had witnessed called A Memory of Solforino (Un Souvenir de Solforino). The book, which was printed in Geneva in 1862, emphasized two main concerns: a need for an organized group of trained volunteers and the necessity for international cooperation for the sake of humanity. These ideas were the seeds that lead to the International Red Cross and the foundation from which the Geneva Convention International laws were enacted. These two ideas

are linked through the fact that currently, any country desiring to have a Red Cross Society within its borders, must sign on to the Geneva Conventions. In 1881 Clara Barton founded what is now the American Red Cross and the very next year the United States signed on to the Geneva conventions. Though the American Red Cross is not a government organization, it is an important channel that works very closely with government agencies to offer aid to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and to disaster victims at home and abroad. The President of the United States makes the declaration of March as Red Cross Month each year. The Red Cross uses this opportunity to promote its services to the American public for awareness, education, volunteer recruitment and most importantly for fundraising. The American Red Cross depends on the generosity of the American people to help those in need during times of natural or manmade disasters. Your local Red Cross has been a compulsory part of pre-deployment preparations and will continue to serve as an important link between our Soldiers and their loved ones. For questions regarding the American Red Cross or services offered, call the office at 634-7089 or stop by their new location in Building 108, the Family Readiness Center at Davis Hall.



A Soldier from Headquarters Company, SETAF, shows Vicenza Elementary School students, and their parents, what is inside Meals Ready to Eat during the Soldier for a Day event Feb. 10. In addition to MREs, which participants had a chance to eat, the students also learned about map reading and tested out different military equipment such as body armor. They also learned about military vehicles. The event was a joint effort between many units on post. It was coordinated by Bess Wills, a second grade teacher at the school, and Navy Cmdr. Ken O’Brien, SETAF Rear Detachment chief of staff. (Photos provided by Bess Wills)